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RESTORING WILL ROGERS

Owners of the Will Rogers Theatre in Charleston are looking to finish \$15,200 in electrical work before they can move forward with \$3.5 million in other renovations.

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BLOWOUT ON THE ROAD

Eastern's men's basketball team lost 83-55 against Purdue Wednesday in Mackey Arena.

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Tornado devastates Eastern alumni home

By Robert Downen

Administration Editor | @DEN_NEWS

Tim and Brittany Dudek dove under their basement stairs when they first heard the windows shatter above them.

Both barefoot and in pajamas, with only a few blankets and their panicked puggle to comfort them as they hid from the onslaught above, they recalled hearing "the loudest explosion they've ever experienced."

When they finally emerged from their staircase shelter to survey the ground above, all that remained were the remnants of their newly finished wood floors, a small section of their bedroom wall and two totaled cars.

The Dudeks both graduated from Eastern.

Brittany Dudek was a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and Tim Dudek came to Eastern after serving in the military.

They married in August, and moved to Washington to be closer to Tim Dudek's I.T. job at Caterpillar. After months of work, the couple was finally beginning to call their house a "home"

...and just like that, it was gone, ripped mercilessly into the sky by the F4 tornado that tore through their small Central Illinois town Sunday afternoon, taking one life and devastating thousands more.

Brittany Dudek said not much remains of their home.



BRITTANY AND TIM DUDEK

"You really can't even call it a house anymore," she said. "There are just a few floors and what used to be a wall."

Their puggle also weathered the storm.

Among the items lost: a disc of their wedding photos, watches passed down from Tim Dudek's grandfather, some freshly-purchased art and, of course, the comfort and security of what was just beginning to feel like "home."

The Dudeks were hardly the only Washington residents displaced by Sunday's devastation—most of their neighborhood was flattened by the tornado, and Tazewell County, where Washington resides, has officially been declared a disaster area by Gov. Pat Quinn.

As the Dudeks spoke via phone from a hotel room not far from the wreckage—their new "home" for the coming weeks—they could find only one word to describe the last five days: "surreal."

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Student Senate Speaker elected

By Jarad Jarmon

Student Governance Editor | @JJarmonReporter

The Student Senate Speaker was elected from the newly elected senate members for next year at the last senate meeting of the semester.

Hannah Edwards, a sophomore finance major, narrowly won the speaker election fighting between Chris Pickard, a freshman political science major, and Brandon Goodman, a junior management major.

Edwards ran on a platform to reform committees as well as train new senators to the senate.

Edwards said while she believes the senate did a lot throughout the semester, she was disappointed with the organization this semester. She added the senate seems to be on a plateau, staying stagnant.

"We need to reevaluate what student government does for the student body," Edwards said.

She plans on informing committee chairpersons more on their duties and enforce their responsibilities upon them.

"There is a lot of things that chairs should be doing that aren't, and there is a lot of things that they're doing that they shouldn't be," Edwards said.

Edward said she plans to be proactive about the lack of experience in the senate, which is partly because of the lack of retention. She advocated Student Body President Kaylia Eskew's plan for having training for senate members.

Edwards experience was a contributing factor to some senate members like Zach Warren, a sophomore mathematics major.

Warren, who vouched for Edwards, said, "She had been on student government for what seems like an eternity."

Edwards will have been a senate member for her fourth semester, currently the longest running senator who did not go on to be an executive board member. Throughout the senate members, there was concern over her time commitments, but because she will not be working on Homecoming which takes place in the fall.

Pickard ran on the hopes that people would not be discouraged by the fact he is a freshman. He said he hoped the senate would respect the fact he ran in the election.

Goodman ran on his experiences leading in the past as a supervisor and manager in previous jobs.

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2013 Essence of a Man winner, Brandal Miles, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, poses with the evening's contestant after Wednesday's pageant in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

'Kings' rise at all-male pageant

By: Laura Hamlyn

Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Five kings stood before a crowded Grand Ballroom Wednesday, each vying to be crowned the 2013 Mr. Essence.

However, it was Brandal Miles, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, who conquered them all, winning the 12th annual "Essence of a Man" pageant.

Miles dominated every aspect of the event, being awarded for the introduction, creative expression, talent, and eveningwear and impromptu question sections.

He was also voted Mr. Congeniality by his fellow contestants and awarded Mr. Gifted for having the highest GPA of the pageant contestants.

"I didn't expect to win, but I'm glad that I did," Miles said.

He was presented with a \$500 scholarship that he said he is planning to put toward "student accounts and then my car."

Miles, who was referred to as King Prodigal throughout the pageant, used the introduction to talk about his drive and determination in rising above obstacles.

Inspiring as his introduction was, his creative expression piece was what really captured the attention and emotion of the audience.

Miles created a powerful performance through channeling the pain he experienced as a result of watching his best friend, Sam, being shot and killed in Nov. 2007.

"They told us in creative expression to attack something that meant the most to you," Miles said. "It's something that I'm dealing with being November still and the anniversary of his death just past."

He said Sam's death was what initially inspired him to enter the "Essence of a Man" pageant.

Miles followed on from his creative



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First runner-up David Mitchell, a senior communication studies major, performs a sketch he wrote during the talent portion of "Essence of a Man" Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

expression piece with another performance that was well-received by the audience, a combination of mime and praise set to Smokie Norful's "Dear God."

For the final section of the pageant, Parissa Boston, a senior communication studies major and 2013 Miss Black runner-up, dressed in a turquoise floor-length gown, accompanied Miles.

When it came to his impromptu question, Miles was asked whether he believed the United States had become a valueless society.

While he disagreed with the statement, he did say he believes our morals are misplaced.

"We place greater value on things more than morals," Miles responded.

Following almost 15 minutes of deliberation by the pageant judges, David Reed, Gina McGuire and Roy Cumming, the audience roared and rose to their feet as Miles was declared the winner.

First runner-up was awarded to David Mitchell, a senior commu-

nication studies major; while Kevin Hall, a junior journalism major, was awarded second runner-up, Mr. Renaissance and Mr. Enterprise.

Cyle Colbert, a junior business marketing major, and Travon Moore, a sophomore accounting major, also competed in the pageant.

Miles said one of his main priorities as Mr. Essence will be to generate publicity for the "Essence of a Man" pageant.

"This is a big pageant and I feel as though we should have more participation," Miles said.

David Groves, a senior business management major and the 2012 "Essence of a Man" winner, had been working with the kings on a weekly basis to prepare them for the pageant.

He said that although the lead-up to the event had been stressful at times, being crowned Mr. Essence had made him grow as a person.

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The Will Rogers Theatre located 705-7015 Monroe Ave. was opened in 1938. Tim Burke, of Hollywood, Calif. and Jim and Katie Troccoli, of Ottawa, Ill. purchased the theater in November 2011. The Troccoli's have been restoring the theater since they purchased it two years ago. The theater is currently in need of more than \$15,000 worth of electric work before the restoration can be completed.

Restoration focuses on electric work

By Alex Seidler
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New electric renovations have been called for as part of the renovation of the Will Rogers Theatre in Charleston. The theater originally opened in 1937 and is currently listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The theater was shutdown in 2010 after it was purchased by AMC Theaters Inc. It was purchase in 2011 by Kate and James Troccoli along with Tim Burke. The group is also the operators of the Majestic Theatre in Sreator.

Kate Troccoli said one of the long-term goals she has is to get the

electric renovation paid off so they can focus on other renovations.

There are five storefronts attached to the theater and they have not been used for more than 20 years. These stores were mostly used for storage, Kate Troccoli said. The electric service is going to cost the company about \$15,200 and they plan to pay this off using the "GoFundMe" site.

Along with "Here and Again," "GoFundMe" is a nonprofit organization used to help raise funds. "GoFundMe" has already raised \$825 in two months, with a goal of \$15,200.

"These sites make it easier for financing," Kate Troccoli said. She

also said using these sites make it easier for financing.

Although the sites have been generating funds for the restorations, Kate Troccoli said much of the funding comes from personal sources.

"We are getting funding through many different sources but for right now it is mostly coming out of our pockets," she said.

Kate Troccoli also said the cost to renovate the entire theater will be around \$3.5 million.

One of the short-term goals Kate Troccoli said she has is to get the money from the sites going so they will not be forced to pay most of it on their own.

"Hopefully we will get the cash

flowing because right now it's coming out of my pocket," she said.

Eventually she hopes the theater will be restored soon so they can reopen it to the public.

"We hope to get the marque back up and have the exterior cleaned up and the colored tiles," she said.

Kate Troccoli said they want the theater to be an active participant in the community again.

"We expect to open back up to provide the people with the entertainment they want and hopefully won't deteriorate again," she said.

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JAC to host Irish music circle for community

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Twice a month, Jackson Avenue Coffee hosts an Irish music circle for student and community musicians. As a group, the musicians play traditional Irish and Celtic music, and attract large audiences from the community.

Dano Reible, owner of JAC, said he was surprised by how many people in the community attend the circles to hear the Irish music. He said there are few, if any, places in the area where musicians can play this kind of music.

Gaye Harrison, a fiddle and mandolin teacher, directs the music circle. She said there are music circles in

Chicago and in Champaign, but there were none locally before she created the group.

Harrison chooses the songs the circle will perform and she helps the musicians with any pieces they have trouble with. She said the circle can include singers and instruments such as the fiddle, guitar, Irish pipe, Scottish pipe, penny whistle and flute.

Reible said the group begins the performance by playing at a slower and simpler pace. Then, he said, the circle eventually plays more difficult songs with faster tempos.

Harrison said she originally pitched the idea of having an Irish music circle to Reible because she wanted her music students to have a place to play

and practice and because she personally loves Irish music.

She said the circles help build the musicians' repertoire and help improve their sight-reading skills, which is when a musician reads and performs a piece without seeing the piece beforehand.

"Anyone at Eastern or in the community can join the circle," Harrison said. She said the musicians do not have to know how to read notes, although having a good ear for music would be essential in this case.

The circle's Facebook page 'Irish Music Circle Charleston' has a link to the sheet music for each performance. Musicians who are interested in the Irish music circle can print

out the music ahead of time and play with the group, Harrison said.

Reible said they host the music circles, along with other events, because it gives musicians in the community a place to play.

"Anything that has to do with music or the arts here, we want to be a part of and supply it for the community," Reible said, "because there's nowhere in the community where you can do that kind of stuff."

The Irish music circle will be Tuesday at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Jackson Avenue Coffee on the square.

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Green initiatives to save money over time

By Jarad Jarmon
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Eastern has been saving money through the multiple green initiatives across campus, like the Renewable Energy Center built in 2011.

Ryan Siegel, the campus energy and sustainability coordinator, said Eastern has invested \$100 million in energy conservation projects since 1995. These projects, while beneficial in producing less emissions and waste, have also saved more than \$4 million in utilities cost per year.

The Renewable Energy Center, which was built as a better alternative to the coal-burning plant made in 1928, is the reason for much of the energy efficiency on campus. According to the sustainability page of the Eastern website, the facility has a high-pressure biomass boiler, which feeds into a backpressure steam turbine to generate electricity as a byproduct.

By doing this, the university gets its electricity at around 2 cents per kilowatt-hour as opposed to the university rate of 7 cents or the traditional utility rate of 11 cents.

During the past few years, those in Facilities Planning and Management have been working on installing a chilled water loop through every building across campus. Siegel said this system allows for the shar-

ing of cooling capacity across the campus and increasing efficiency by allowing Eastern to only use the amount of cooling equipment required and not all cooling equipment at all times.

This project has allowed Eastern to reduce the amount of air conditioners from 17 to 7 units. Siegel said the loop also allows for redundancy in the event one fails.

“Keeping materials in the economy is good for long-term business, and the environment as materials sent to a landfill is money that ends up in the trash,” Siegel said.

Aside from constructing the Renewable Energy Center, they are also pushing for a new biological sciences building. Eastern has been lobbying for this building for sometime now, but recently have been planning for the designs to be green-friendlier.

The designs will have solar panels and other technology to make the designs more efficient. The building is expected to cost \$30 million.

Housing and Dining is also pushing for the advancement of the green initiative.

At the beginning of the school year, recycling containers were placed

in every residence hall room to promote recycling and make it more accessible to the students.

Residents can recycle paper, cardboard,

Housing and Dining staff is also trying to educate and promote recycling through pamphlets and signs across the halls in areas like in the laundry rooms.

Stone said an issue they have been having is explaining to students which materials, like pizza boxes, Styrofoam and No. 6 plastic materials – disposable plates and cups, egg cartons and compact discs – cannot be recycled.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining, said it is crucial for students to learn about the importance of recycling.

“College is an educational time in people’s lives and if you give people opportunities to get into positive habits, those are things they will hopefully carry out the rest of your lives,” Hudson said.

Eastern started a contract with Honeywell International from 2000 to 2001. This group updated most of the facilities in the residences halls and replaced all of the lights and light bulbs. They also installed low flow showerheads, faucets, toilets and washers to reduce the lighting and

water consumption in the halls.

The project cost almost \$10 million later receiving a \$2 million addendum.

Stone said in many ways, being more environmentally friendly has saved the campus money. The cost of sending garbage to the landfill in many cases is more expensive than sending the recycled materials to the various centers in Charleston and Mattoon.

Hudson said Panther Dining contributes to reducing waste by recycling the used fryer oil.

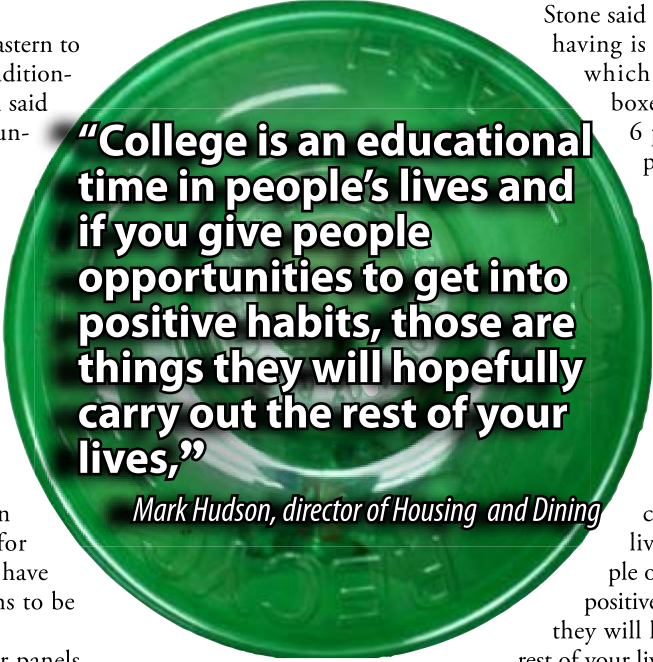
“We work with biological sciences and take that oil and convert it into diesel,” Hudson said.

The diesel is then used for one of the biological sciences trucks.

They have also composted pre consumer waste, which is when materials do not reach consumers and need to be recycled, from dining such as eggshells, which are then composted into fertilizer for the flowerbeds across campus.

“There are times when green initiatives may have additional costs over conventional items, but many times there are savings that come along with them so they pay for themselves over time,” Siegel said.

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Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining

plastic and aluminum in the residence halls but Jody Stone, the Associate Director of Housing and Dining Resident Life, said they might have the ability to recycle glass as well.

“There might be other options down the road,” Stone said.

24-hour visitation voted down

Staff Report

Pemberton Hall Council voted and did not pass the chance for Pemberton to accommodate 24-hour visitation.

The idea for 24-hour visitation was brought up after Housing and Dining Services sent out emails to residents in the hall in October.

Students in Pemberton could choose four things they would want

changed or updated in the hall. They were able to choose from a variety of things such as having updated bathrooms and a washer and dryer on each floor or 24-hour visitation.

Out of the 150 emails that were sent out, 42 responded to the email. According to the survey results, 24-hour visitation was the second most wanted change with 52 percent.


It was only seconded by the students want for air conditioning in

the building, which Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, said was currently being planned for.

Jordan Brown, the Pemberton Hall Council president, said they wanted to keep the same hours to preserve Pemberton’s quiet lifestyle and the “general feel of the hall.”

“We just feel that if we do have 24-hours it will get really, really rowdy around here,” Brown said.

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BLOTTER

Multiple thefts reported Monday near Taylor Hall, Student Recreation Center

At 8:20 p.m. Monday, a theft was reported from the Student Recreation Center in Lantz Arena. This incident is under investigation.

At 9:30 p.m. Monday, a theft was reported near Taylor Hall. This incident is under investigation.

At 10:25 Monday, a theft was reported near the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This incident is under investigation.

At 3:34 p.m. Tuesday, a hit and run was reported at 9th Street Lot. This incident is under investigation,

At 9:34 a.m. Wednesday, a private property accident occurred near the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. No citations were issued.

At 11:25 a.m. Wednesday, a theft was reported from Lawson Hall. This incident is under investigation.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday’s issue of The Daily Eastern News in the article “Council approves revolving loan fund,” the article should have said the revolving loan fund was extended. Also, the resolution regarding the Single-Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program will support the submission of an application for the filing of grant funds. If the grant is approved, the application process will begin.

The News regrets the error.

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RELIEF EFFORTS: Eastern students
are banding together to help with
relief efforts for those who were
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FINALS: Finals week is right
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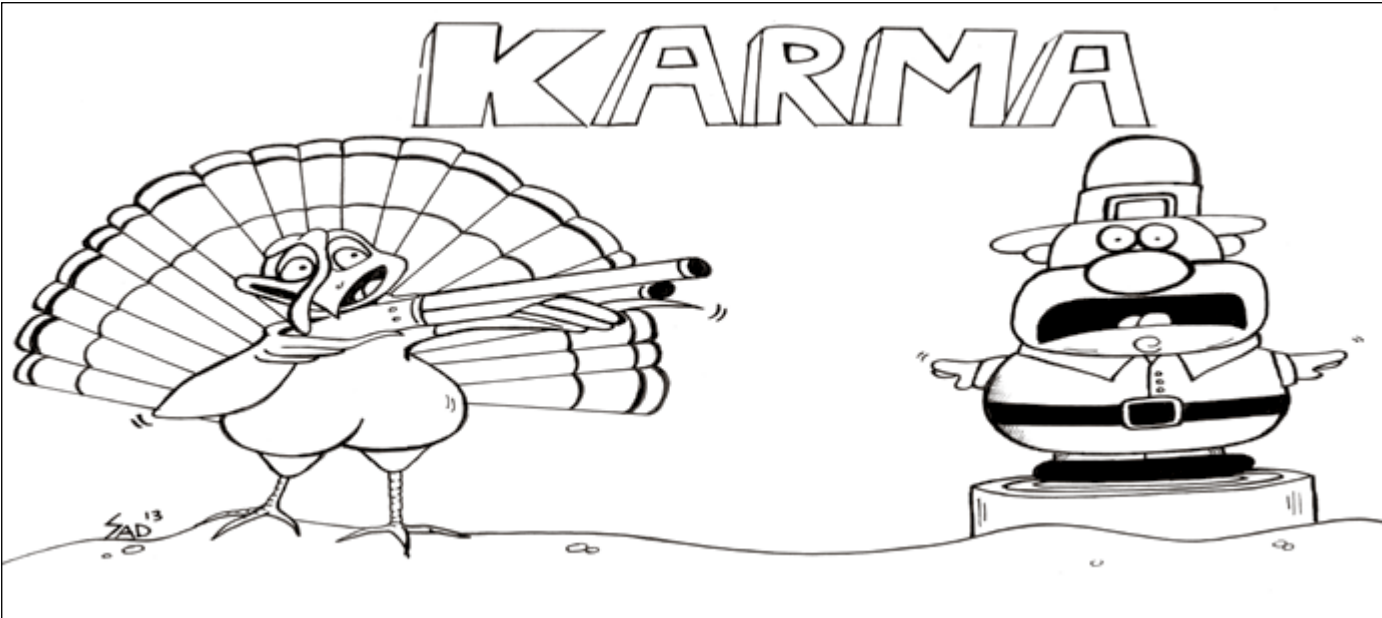
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Close to home: Miles away, tornadoes affect Eastern

Maybe it was a slight inconvenience for you on Sunday. A few sheets of rain pounded down in Charleston. Weather alerts constantly interrupted the Chicago Bears game. Maybe the wind knocked over a few trashcans and blew a bunch of leaves and sticks into your yard.

Maybe that’s all it was, and when it was over, another thought about it never came into existence. Maybe.

But when the rain stopped pouring, the winds calmed down and sun finally poked out from behind those dark clouds, the end tally saw at least 16 tornadoes touch down in Illinois and northwest Indiana.

And what they brought with them was a terrible force, specifically for areas like Coal City and Washington, Ill.

Tornadoes touched down, and when they left, they took with them people’s homes, streets, and, most importantly, their lives.

The tornadoes leveled entire towns. Entire infrastructures where people had built their lives were gone in a matter of minutes. It was all gone, and what were left were tears – unseen because of the rain smattering the ground.

Maybe the thought, because it did not happen in your town, never crossed your mind. But when it was all said and done, fellow students did not go back to watching the Bears game.

They did not go out, or hang out with friends. They most likely went to their phones. They most likely called their loved ones, saw the photos on Facebook and Instagram of the destruction.

They most likely cried.

College brings us a great opportunity to come together, from different places, different backgrounds, and throw us together in one great big place. And from that, because we go to Eastern, we have formed bonds with each other.

These bonds are what make us a great community, and now in this hard time for our neighbors, our friends, we need to come together with support. Many different relief efforts are now being put into place. Students are

banding together to ensure help is given to those who need it. The university has set up donation stations at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Donations will be collected at the women’s basketball game at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lantz Arena.

Donations being accepted include water bottles, personal hygiene affects and winter clothing.

That last part may be most important, as we are on the brink of winter in the Midwest. Winters in our territory have a terrible habit of being bitter, cold and unending.

We come from all over, that much is obvious. At Eastern, it is heavily promoted we are a family. When disaster hits one, it hits us all.

Don’t hesitate. Don’t think there is nothing you can do. But, most of all, don’t believe it is not your problem. It is.

If we can band together to help relief efforts in far-distant countries like Haiti and the Philippines, we can certainly come together to help our neighbors, our friends, our family.

We have luxuries no longer afforded to people in towns like Coal City, Washington and Gifford.

We have Internet, water and cable still. We have roofs over our heads. We have our lives.

Destruction, and with it tragedy, does not discriminate. It hates equally and with uniform force.

We can rise above this. Help out our people. Give them a hand, and hoist them to their feet.

Students at Eastern who live in those towns did not go back to watching the Bears game. They did not get to have a restful night of sleep. They got to see the sun rise over what was left of their town, and now, as a family, we must help them through this.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Check out America before checking out the world

A lot of people that say they want to go Paris, London, Rome and other places around the world, but have you thought about how expensive that could end up being? I have an idea; try traveling your own country first.

Some people out there that are lucky enough to travel a lot growing up but most of us are not that lucky, so why not go see what great sights the United States has to offer.

Today I found an article on foxnews.com titled “20 places Americans should see.” Going through this list I have only been to four of the 20 places, but some of the places on the list I have on my own personal “I want to go there” list.

I have visited the French Quarter in New Orleans, Walt Disney’s Magic Kingdom, Gettysburg National Military Park in Gettysburg, Pa. and the architecture of Chicago, which are all on the list.

I only live about 45 minutes south of Chicago and I have seen the city plenty of times in my life, but I always find something that I hadn’t noticed any of the previous times I went there. From the designs of the skyscraper to the museums and the architectural layout of the parks to the beautiful old homes,



Emily Provance

the city is an architectural masterpiece.

The Gettysburg National Military Park in Gettysburg, Pa. holds the history of the famous battle of Gettysburg in The Civil War. The park itself is beautiful to walk or drive through, but the museums surrounding the area offer a lot of historical information.

One of my recent trips took me to the second place on the articles list, the New Orleans’ French Quarter. Now that is an interesting place. It truly embodies French style. I also witnessed some of the craziness everyone hears of when they mention the area25. It was one of the best times I have experienced, but it is definitely not a place I think I could live in.

I’ve been lucky enough to spend exten-

sive time at Walt Disney’s Magic Kingdom. I actually completed the Disney College Program and I am not a seasonal cast member in Magic Kingdom, so this place is near and dear to my heart. Magic Kingdom truly lives up to the saying “the most magical place on earth.” I have witnessed things from a child’s first time meeting Mickey Mouse to a beautiful proposal and everything in between. The “magic” it takes to run Magic Kingdom every day is a lot, so it is definitely worth the visit.

Other places on the list that spark an interest to visit are the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Ellis Island, Pearl Harbor, the Grand Canyon, Highway 1 (Calif.). These are just some of the places on the list that intrigue me, and although it would be great to travel the world and see places, I want to check out what is offered here, too.

So before you decide to start searching for a way to afford that trip to another country, think about starting in your own neck of the woods and explore America.

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Yet not even a week removed from the tragedy, as the Dudeks and thousands of other Illinoisans begin to pick up the wind-blown pieces of their lives, they said they have already found some glimpses of hope and comfort.

“It’s been unbelievably supportive,” Brittany Dudek said. “There are people we don’t even know who already started helping us sort out what’s left in the rubble. It truly has been remarkable.”

Brittany Dudek said their families and friends have responded with an outpouring of support. In the immediate aftershock, a donation line was set up in the couple’s name, and Brittany Dudek said there has been no shortage of kind words, thoughts and prayers.

But she said there is still plenty of work to be done for the community.

“If anyone in the area can come—even if they can’t help physically—there’s still a lot of help we could use. There’s still a lot to be done.”

As a response to Sunday’s events, the university is asking for donations of basic necessities, including bottled water, toiletries, coats and gloves. The Office of Student Community Service will be accepting donations at the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, and various dining centers will be accepting donations throughout the week.

Those looking to donate directly to Brittany and Tim Dudek can do so at DudekDonations.com

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Wreckage from the home of Tim and Brittany Dudek, Eastern alumni, rests in Washington after a tornado devastated the town Sunday. Donations can be made to the couple at DudekDonations.com.

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Shirmeen Ahmad, a sophomore journalism major, said Goodman would have been good with the new senators who were appointed referring to when she was a new senator and he said, “Hi,” throwing her off.

The official election results were also announced and there were no grievances filed on any of the senate members. To fill the remaining empty senate seats, Green appointed Claire Castelli, a communication studies major, Tylen Elliot and Daniel Wallace, a psychology major, to the senate.

The senate will meet again next semester.

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“After winning this title, I learned to be a better person,” Groves said. “I learned the things I wasn’t good at and the things I was good at, and continued to grow as time went on.”

Groves said Miles was a worthy recipient of the award.

“The person who won today, I feel as if he deserves it so I have no problems in handing it over to him,” he said.

With the title of Mr. Essence now passed on to Miles, Groves’s advice for him was simple:

“Be the man that I was, but be a better man than I could be.”



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Kevin Hall, a junior journalism major and second runner-up in the “Essence of a Man” pageant performs his creative piece Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Junior forward Sabina Oroszova attempts to block a shot by red-shirt junior guard Desirae Ball on Friday at Chaifetz Arena. The Panthers lost to the Billikens 71-52.

Former WNBA stars meet in coaching matchup

Eastern hosts Loyola for instate game

By Bob Reynolds
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The Eastern women’s basketball team returns home for the first of two matchups between in-state schools, as the Panthers host Loyola-Chicago on Thursday at Lantz Arena. Two former WNBA players will coach against each other for the first time. The Ramblers are coached by Sheryl Swoopes, who is a former three-time WNBA defensive player of the year. Swoopes won the award in 2000, 2002 and 2003. But Eastern coach Debbie Black said this matchup would be nothing different compared to any other matchup. “You coach the same way,” Black said. “Sheryl and I are not playing against each other, but it’s fun because we do know each other’s history.” After retiring from the WNBA in 2011, Swoopes was named Ramblers’ coach two years later on April 12. Swoopes was the first ever player signed in the WNBA. She is a four-time champion, six-time all star, and a three-time MVP

award winner. The Ramblers are coming off a Preseason Women’s National Invitational Tournament, dropping the first game against Louisville, then going 1-1 in the consolation bracket at Gentile Arena in Chicago, defeating Fort Wayne and losing 62-60 to Idaho. Three players are averaging double figures for the Ramblers led by Tiana Karopulous with 14 points per game. Taylor Johnson averages 13.3 points while Tory Hambric averages a double-double with 12.3 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. Black said the Panthers are going to try and mix up their defense in order to slow the Ramblers down. This will be the 15th meeting between the two schools and the Panthers hold an 8-6 advantage. Last season, they defeated the Ramblers 72-69 in Chicago. Sabina Oroszova was one of three players in double figures for Eastern and Jordyne Crunk chipped in nine points off the bench. Sabina Oroszova and Katlyn Payne are the two Panthers that are averaging double-digit points in a game.

Oroszova is averaging a double-double with 12.3 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, while Payne leads with team with 13.3 points per game. In the last time out against St. Louis, the Panthers held the Billikens to less than 40 percent shooting, which marks the first time this season the team has been able to hold an opponent under that mark. The Panthers will be looking for another strong game off the bench from Arnisha Thomas scored 12 of the 16 Panther bench points in the game against St. Louis. Trailing by two at the half, the Panthers went cold in the second half of the game, shooting 5-of-23 from three and 0-of-7 from 3-point range. Once again, the Panthers had three players in double-digits in the loss. The Panthers will take on the Ramblers at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Lantz Arena.

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New drill to simulate halftime

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After dropping its first three games, the Eastern women’s basketball team looks to avoid the second half letdowns. During practice the last couple days, Eastern coach Debbie Black implemented a drill, where she would have the team sit for 15 minutes, just like they would for a regular halftime, then come back out and practice. Black said she is doing that so the team gets accustomed to how to act after sitting for 15 minutes, then coming back out and playing. “I have done that as a player before, to where we would simulate a game during practice,” Black said. “Mentally, you have to go back out and get ready to play.” In the first three games, the Panthers shot a combined 30.5 percent in the second half, including a season-worst 3-of-24 from 3-point range. In the first three games in the first half, Eastern had leads of 17-13 against Evansville, 21-15 against Indiana State and 25-20 against Saint Louis. “I think the biggest thing you could probably see, between the first half and second half is we are super competitive in the first half,” Black said. “We are going to try to focus on that and come out a little more relaxed in the second half.” Turnovers have been a problem for the Panthers, as they average 24.3 turnovers per game, which ranks last in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Around the OVC
Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State both possess a 3-2 record, respectively, and are tied atop the east division. Three schools, including the Colonels picked up wins in non-conference play on Monday. Morehead State defeated Marshall 53-51 on the road. Down 10 in the second half, the Eagles used an 11-1 run in the middle of the second half to cut the Marshall lead down to one. Senior guard Terrice Robinson converted a 3-point play with six seconds left to give the Eagles the victory. Austin Peay had a blowout victory at home against Trevecca Nazarene University on Monday, 98-77. The 98 points are the most any team has scored this season in the OVC. Sophomore Tiasha Gray recorded the first triple-double in Austin Peay school history with 13 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds. Jacksonville State is winless through three games, joining Eastern at 0-3.

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Volleyball team enters tourney as No. 3 seed

By Anthony Catezone
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The Eastern volleyball team was swept in the regular season by Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 12 (22-25, 22-25, 23-25). Thursday, the Panthers will get their chance at revenge against the Colonels, but this time, with much more significance looming over the matchup. The No. 3 seeded Eastern volleyball team will play No. 6 seeded Eastern Kentucky in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference. The Colonels handed the Panthers their only three-set loss of conference play and just their third of the entire season. Senior outside hitter Reynae Hutchinson was the only player for Eastern with more than eight kills in the match, as she had 19 along with 10 digs. She led the Panthers with a .245 attack, as they hit just .168 to the Colonels’ .236. The sweep by Eastern Kentucky was Eastern’s last loss before reeling off a season-long nine-game win streak in OVC play. The Panthers finished the regular season with an 18-11 record overall and a 12-4 conference mark. This match will feature the OVC’s top two offensive threats individually, as Eastern Kentucky’s Ashley Edmond and Eastern’s Hutchinson are No.



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Red-shirt senior middle hitter Stephanie Arnold spikes the ball in play during the Nov. 9 game in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Golden Eagles 3-0.

1 and 2 in kills per set during conference play. The Colonels’ senior outside hitter is averaging a conference-best 3.84 kills per set, while Hutchinson’s 3.70 kills per set is second overall in the OVC. Edmond recorded 12 kills and 11 digs behind a match-high .379 hit percentage against the Pan-

thers in their first match. The Panthers will play the Colonels at 10 a.m. Thursday in Morehead, Ky., as Morehead Kentucky, the No. 1 seed, hosts the tournament for the second consecutive year. Eastern Kentucky was 3-5 in games at a neutral sight, while Eastern was 5-4.

Around the tournament
Should Eastern beat Eastern Kentucky, it will then play the winner of No. 2 seed Belmont and No. 7 seed Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Eastern won both its matches against Edwardsville in four and five sets in the regular season. Belmont, however, snapped Eastern’s nine-game winning streak in the regular-season finale in four sets (14-25, 23-25, 27-25, 19-25) to jump Eastern for the No. 2 seed. The Bruins also beat the Panthers in the first round of the OVC tournament last year as the No. 3 seed, with the Panthers being the No. 6 seed. They went on the win the championship in their first ever year in the OVC. Eastern has 13.86 assists per set in OVC, just ahead of Belmont’s 13.16 average. Eastern’s 14.44 kills per set is the best in the league, with Belmont’s 13.84 finishing second. Belmont will play Edwardsville at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Morehead, Ky.

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Eastern suffers 28-point loss to Purdue on the road

By Anthony Catezone
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A nearly seven-minute scoring drought to begin the game for the Eastern men's basketball team led to an 83-55 loss to Purdue Wednesday night in Mackey Arena.

The Boilermakers jumped out to 12-0 lead before the Panthers scored their first basket at 13:18 in the first half with a 3-pointer by sophomore forward Josh Piper — that basket was similar to the rest of the night for Eastern — as it was Piper's only points in the game.

The Boilermakers eventually turned that into a 27-11 lead with six minutes in the half, before taking a 38-24 lead into halftime, and also outscoring the Panthers by 14 points in the second half, as well.

Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said the Panthers' nerves allowed them to fall behind by double digits early in the game.

But, the Big Ten Conference's top shooting offense was also able to hover around its 51 percent average, as Purdue shot 46 percent from the field.

Eastern (2-2), meanwhile, was held to just 32 percent from the field and 17 percent from 3-point range.

Spoonhour said Purdue caused



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Freshman guard Zach Dickerson dribbles down the court during a game Nov. 13 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost Wednesday's game against Purdue University 55-83.

chaos among the Eastern offense with its ball pressure — making hard to move the ball around and find open looks.

"There's a lot of teams that have come in here and have had that happen to them," Spoonhour said

in his postgame interview.

Purdue's defense forced Eastern to play out of its comfort zone, as a team that is notorious for refusing let up and guarding the Panthers tightly, Spoonhour said.

"Anytime that happens, you just

get sped up, you go faster than you want to go and you make plays you shouldn't make" the second-year coach said.

Purdue forced 19 Eastern turnovers, 12 of which came in the second half. The Boilermakers out-

scored the Panthers 31-11 in points off turnovers.

The Boilermakers, who averaged 89 points per game, third in the Big Ten, were held below their average, but Spoonhour said he knew there was no way Eastern could compete if Purdue scored in the 80s.

"You can't come in here and give them 80 (points), you can't," Spoonhour said. "You're not going to score enough points."

Regardless, Spoonhour said he knew even if Eastern held Purdue to less than 80 points, there was no way it could keep such a potent offense in the 50s, keeping Eastern from staying in the game with what the Purdue defense was allowing it to do.

Spoonhour said in the flow of game, the Panthers were unable to execute much of an offensive game plan, again, crediting it to the Boilermaker's tightly contested defense.

"I didn't like some of the shots we took, but that is to be expected with so many guys that are kind of getting out there for the first time," Spoonhour said. "I thought we would do better, but we didn't."

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RUSHING PAST RECORDS

LITTLE PROVES BIG IN EASTERN'S WIN



By Aldo Soto
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Red-shirt junior Jimmy Lera ran the ball for the third straight time for Eastern, placing the ball at the Jacksonville State 10-yard line, when Gamecocks' coach Bill Clark called a timeout with 3:29 left in the first quarter.

The Panthers faced a second down, needing seven yards to pick up a first down, when Eastern coach Dino Babers put Shepard Little back into the game. Little had already managed to score two rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown in the Panthers' first three possessions that gave Eastern a 21-0 lead.

But Little was not put back in to run the ball as he had done already 10 times, rushing for 94 yards. This time, Little would be throwing the ball for the first time in college.

"When they called that play I was kind of surprised," Little said. "But we've practiced it for a while."

The play that Little was surprised to hear be called at first, had him taking a toss from quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo behind the 10-yard line. Garoppolo took the snap from under center and pitched it to Little, who was lined up at the 17-yard line, with Erik Lora standing at the top of the formation, out near the Jacksonville State sideline and Adam Drake on the opposite side.

As Little turned to run toward Lora's side of the field, the entire Eastern offensive line moved as one in the same direction and Drake followed, running toward the middle of the field, making his defender follow suit.

But Little stopped at the 19-yard line and before was he hit by a Gamecocks' defensive lineman he set up and threw a pass to Garoppolo, who after giving the ball to his running back, rolled out to his left into the open field.

Garoppolo caught the ball as two Jacksonville State players converged on the play, but their effort was futile as the quarterback turned receiver at least for one play landed on his back in the end zone for a touchdown. But the passer did not even see the end result.

"When I threw it, I got hit so I didn't really get a chance to look at it," Little said.

Nonetheless, it was Eastern's fourth touchdown in a row to begin the game and Little had a hand in every one.

After his first passing touchdown at Eastern, Little has now been involved in scoring touchdowns four different ways. Aside from the touchdown pass, Little has rushed for 11, caught two and has returned two punts for touchdowns as well.

"(Shepard) does a lot of things for us and we are really excited about him," Babers said. "He kind

of started in the outhouse and now he's sitting up in the living room his feet up on the and it's OK."

Until this season, the red-shirt sophomore running back did not play in a year, despite being on the team since In Babers' first year, Little was on the scout team. Now, the running back, hailing from Schaumburg High School, leads the Ohio Valley Conference in rushing yards with 1,183 and a 7.3 yard per carry average.

Little surpassed the 1,000-yard mark Saturday at O'Brien Field, helping the Panthers win their second straight outright OVC title.

Little also elevated the Panthers to a new school record. After the first quarter, Little was sitting on 94 rushing yards, while his teammate Lera had 78, most of that yardage coming on a 57-yard touchdown run that set a new Eastern record for most points in a quarter at 35. But there would be another record set before the afternoon was over.

Little said the Gamecocks' defense was giving Eastern the option to run and the Panthers took it. Babers went into more detail and said Jacksonville State was trying to protect itself from Garoppolo and the

passing game, which left them vulnerable to the run.

"They were basically playing the toughest throwing defense that you could play," Babers said. "Now, if you're going to play that style of defense then you're really susceptible to someone running the ball on you."

Babers said Jacksonville State was lining up close to Eastern receivers on most first and second down plays and on third down plays the Gamecocks would line up two men deep, while five other defenders trailed the receivers underneath. With that formation, the Eastern offensive linemen were left with one-on-one blocks against their defensive linemen.

"It was nothing that we had not already seen," Babers said.

Eastern took advantage, running for 214 yards in the first half. By the end of the game, before the Panthers began celebrating their conference championship they had rushed for 413 yards, breaking the school record, which was previously held by the 1973 team that rushed for 398 yards against Saint Louis on Oct. 27 of that year.

Little finished with a career-high 245 rushing yards, leading the Panther running game, but he said it was not all him.

"I really can't take all the credit because the offensive line did a great job blocking and so did the wide receivers," Little said.

Babers said Little deserved every bit of recognition he received following Saturday's game.

"I love the guy and I hope he gets all the awards he deserves and he's a valuable member of this team," he said.

On Sunday, Little earned OVC Offensive and Newcomer of the Week honors, making it the third and fourth weekly conference awards this year for the running back. On Monday, Little accepted national recognition, when he was named the Sports Network co-National Offensive Player of the Week.

Now, Little has to work on his throwing mechanics as Babers joked after the game that Little should have thrown the ball more on a line rather than lofting the pass in the air. "So you thought that was a great pass," Babers asked. "Haha, no I'm just kidding. I liked the pass. It was a touchdown, but I liked the catch a lot too."

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